

"Sharing the Bread of Life"

Poem by Pastor Daniel Morris

Tw'as the night before Christmas long, long ago,
When the land of Judea was governed by Rome.
Peace ruled the land, but it came at great cost;
The rich became richer, the poor suffered loss.

The children of Israel slept in despair;
The taxes were crushing, too heavy to bear.
While some took up arms to fight Rome with great zeal,
Some chose to be slaves to ensure their next meal.

The prophets of God who spoke words of rebuke,
Were offensive to Rome, and they were subdued.
And on the throne of Beloved King David,
There sat an imposter, a shepherd they hated.

Meanwhile, in fields, beyond the paddocks,
Where sharp-eyed shepherds watched over their flocks,

The star-studded heaven was silent and bright,
And then with a flash there came a great light.

The shepherds all quivered and quaked in great fear,
As a heavenly being, an angel, drew near.
"Do not be afraid, I bring news of great joy,
For this night there is born to all people a boy.

He is the Messiah, the Savior, the Lord.
Now make haste to his cradle, let him be adored."
Then all of a sudden the stars in the sky,
Raised their voices in heavenly song on high.

"Glory to God in the heavens above,
And on earth, peace, to those whom God loves!"
Then the heavenly light returned from whence it came,
The shepherds who saw it were not quite the same.

They said to one another, "Let's see this great thing
Which God has foretold and of which heaven sings."
So, they left their flocks in the darkness of night,
To seek out the child who was born to be light.

They found him in a place where the travel-worn rest,
In a makeshift bed of hay, then at his mother's breast.
They marveled and told tired Mary their story,
They told Joseph how all the stars gave God glory.

Table Talk

December 2018

Something to Chew On: (Based on Luke 2:8-20)

December Calendar

- 06** Midweek Advent Service 6:30pm
Choir 7:00pm
- 08** Christmas Decorating Party and Dinner 4:00pm
- 09** Worship 10:30am
- 13** Midweek Advent Service 6:30pm
Choir 7:00pm
- 16** Worship/Birthday Sunday 10:30am
- 17** St. Tim's Coffeehouse, 7:00PM
- 18** Church Council 6:30pm
- 20** Midweek Advent Service 6:30pm
Choir 7:00pm
- 23** Worship 10:30am
- 24** Christmas Eve Service 4:00pm
Reverse Advent Bags due back
- 28** Sack Lunch Friday 9:45am
- 30** Worship 10:30am

And Mary, who pondered their words in her heart,
Must have wondered what blessing her son would impart.

Would he bring victory to God's people who fight?
Or would he be prophetic in wisdom and might?

Would he finally bring peace to their Rome-weary land?
Would he save the downtrodden from Death's icy hand?
Was there more to this child than meets the eye?
Is it possible that in him our God draws nigh?

The shepherds departed still singing God's praise,
For they saw in the baby asleep on the hay,
A shepherd, like them, who would care for God's sheep,
Born true heir of David, all people to keep.

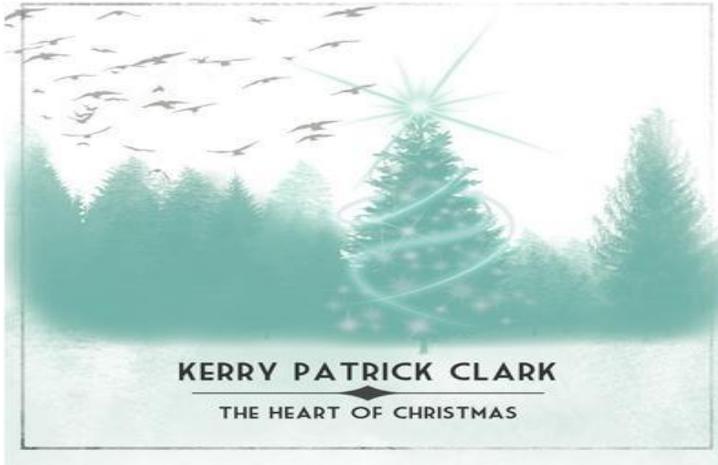
And in our own time the Christ Child is born,
In the hearts of believers with each Christmas morn.
So we join wakeful songs of the fields and skies,
Singing, "Glory to God!" for the Morning Star's rise!

ST. TIM'S COFFEEHOUSE

Sanctuary

Monday, December 17 Doors open at 7:00pm

Join us for a free concert with Kerry Patrick Clark. Kerry will be performing his Christmas album "The Heart of Christmas," which is filled with whimsy, humor, and heart as he examines how the holidays feel to each of us. A goodwill donation will be taken at the time of the concert.



MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES

Sanctuary

Thursdays in December at 6:00PM Starting on the 6th

For three weeks in December, the 6th, 13th, and 20th, we will be holding a Holden Evening Prayer Service here at St. Timothy's Church. Come and join us as we slow down this busy holiday season and take some time in simple contemplation.



CHRISTMAS DECORATION PARTY AND

DINNER

SANCTUARY

Saturday, December 8th, at 4:00pm

Come join us as we celebrate the season by decorating our own sanctuary. Starting at 4:00pm on Saturday, December 8th, we will be decorating for the holidays. Come and help us deck the halls and stay for dinner on us.



REVERSE ADVENT BAGS

Sanctuary

Due Christmas Eve, December 24th, 4:00pm

Join us for our annual Reverse Advent food collection, as we gather non-perishable for the Niles Township Food Pantry. Come by the Church offices during the week or on Sunday to get your own Reverse Advent Bag and add one item to your bag each day counting down the days to Christmas. On Christmas Eve at our 4:00pm service, we will bless all the donations we have received and prepare them for delivery to the Niles Township Food Pantry the following week.

